GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
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Cultural Exchange Programmes
Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

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*309: SHRI P. KUMAR:
will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased state:

(a) the mechanism in place to showcase India's rich culture and heritage in foreign countries;

(b) the number of cultural centres established so far in various states/UTs;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up new cultural centres in various countries including the SAARC countries under the cultural exchange programmes and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for setting up such centres during the last three years and the current year, year and country-wise; and

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from various State Governments for setting up of new cultural centres abroad and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by Government thereon?

Answer

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) A AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

STATEMENT REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *309 FOR 21.12.2015 REGARDING CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES.

a) The Festivals of India (FoI) are conducted abroad for spreading Indian culture abroad and enhancing people to people contact through dance, performance, food festival, exhibition, literary festival, film festival, Yoga, Mehandi art etc.

Ministry of Culture aims at disseminating Indian culture in new territories and develops the cultural relations between India and various countries of the world through Cultural Agreements and Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs). The CEPs signed between Ministry of Culture and Cultural Ministries of various countries are circulated to implementing agencies for its implementation. As per provision of CEPs cultural delegations/groups are sent on reciprocal basis.

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) also actively implements CEPs through its programmes on receiving and sending cultural delegations/groups to and from foreign countries. Indian Missions and ICCR are jointly involved in promotion of culture through their Culture wings and Culture Centres respectively abroad.

b) Ministry of Culture have set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur to preserve, promote the culture including folk dance, music and literature of different regions and these ZCCs conduct folk festivals/ events at national/ internationals level through various schemes.

ICCR has 20 regional centres in 19 states as at Annexure- I, for organizing cultural events of the cultural groups/artists received from

abroad.
c) At present ICCR is running 36 Culture Centres abroad including in the SAARC countries as enumerated in Annexure- II. It is in the process of establishing eight new Culture Centres in Washington, Paris, Buenos Aires, Lagos, Toronto, Sydney, Hanoi and Singapore.

Rs. 5.5 Crores has been allocated under ICCR budget for financial year 2015-2016 for meeting recurring expenditure on new Indian Culture Centres.

d) No, Madam.

ANNEXRURE 'I'

List of ICCR Regional Centres in various States

S.No.	State	City
1	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	Hyderabad
2	Assam	Guwahati
3	Bihar	Patna
4	Gujarat	Ahmadabad
5	Haryana & Punjab	Chandigarh
6	Karnataka	Bangalore
7	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar
8	Jammu	
9	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
10	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
11	Maharashtra	Mumbai
12	Maharashtra	Pune
13	Meghalaya	Shillong
14	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
15	Goa	Madgaon
16	Rajasthan	Jaipur
17	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
18	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
19		Varanasi
20	West Bengal	Kolkata

ANNEXURE 'II'

List of Indian Culture Centres abroad

S.No.	Name of Centre	Year of opening
1	ICC, Georgetown, Guyana	1972
2	ICC, Paramaribo, Suriname	1978
3	IGCIC, Port Louis, Mauritius	1988

4 JNICC, Jakarta, Indonesia 1988
5 ICC sub centre, Bali, Indonesia 2004
6 JNCC, Moscow 1989
7 Tagore Centre, Berlin, Germany 1990
8 MACIC, Cairo, Egypt 1992
9 TNC, London 1992
10 LBSCIC, Tashkent, Uzbekistan 1994
11 ICC, Astana, Kazakhstan 1994
12 ICC, Johannesburg, S. Africa 1993
13 ICC, Durban, South Africa 1993
14 MGICC, Port of Spain T & T 1996
15 ICC, Colombo 1998
16 ICC, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 2002
17 ICC, Suva, Fiji 2005
18 ICC, Kathmandu, Nepal 2007
19 ICC, Kabul, Afghanistan 2007
20 ICC, Beijing, China 2008
21 ICC, Bangkok, Thailand 2009
22 ICC, Tokyo, Japan 2009
23 ICC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2009
24 IGCC, Dhaka, Bangladesh 2010
25 NWCC, Thimphu, Bhutan 2010
26 GTICC, Mexico City 2010
27 ICC, Budapest, Hungary 2010
28 ICC, Prague, Czech Republic 2010
29 ICC, Yangon, Myanmar 2010
30 ICC, Male, Maldives 2011
31 ICC, Seoul. S. Korea 2011
32 ICC, Dar-e-Salaam, Tanzania 2011
33 Gandhi Centre, The Hague, Netherlands 2011
34 ICC, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2011
35 ICC, Tehran, Iran 2013
36 ICC, Sydney, Australia 2015